

# Auditor's Election Calendar

2018 General Election Day: Tuesday, November 06, 2018  
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Days From Election	Date	Event	Code Cite
-120	Monday, July 09, 2018	<b>Special Absentee ("Submarine") Ballots.</b> First day for UOCAVA voters who will be outside the continental United States and unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided to request a special absentee ballot.	§53.45(1)(b)
-104	Wednesday, July 25, 2018	<b>Judges' Filing Deadline.</b> Last day for judges standing for retention to file a declaration of candidacy with the Secretary of State.	§46.20
-99	Monday, July 30, 2018	<b>State and Federal Candidates Filing Begins.</b> First day for NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition to file nomination papers for state and federal offices with the SOS.	§44.4(1), 45.4
-94	Saturday, August 04, 2018	<b>Deadline to Update Primary Election Voter History</b> Last day to add voter election participation information for the primary election in I-VOTERS.	§48A.38(2)
-92	Monday, August 06, 2018	<b>County Candidate Filing Begins</b> First day for NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition to file nomination papers for county and township offices with the auditor.	§44.4(1), 45.4
-81	Friday, August 17, 2018	<b>Primary Nominee Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal.</b> Last day for candidates for state and federal offices who were nominated at the primary election to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the SOS.  <b>Last Day for Vacancies – U.S Senate and Statewide Offices.</b> If a midterm vacancy in U.S. senate or statewide offices (except governor and Lt. governor) occurs on or before today, the office must be on the ballot to fill vacancy at the general election. Political party nominations must be made by convention.	§43.76(1)  §43.6(1), 43.77(4), 43.78(1), 69.13
-74	Friday, August 24, 2018	<b>Last Day for Vacancies - County</b> If a midterm vacancy in a county office occurs on or before August 26 and no special election is called to fill the vacancy, the office must be on the ballot to fill vacancy at the general election. Political party nominations must be made by convention.  <b>Primary Nominee Withdrawal Deadline - County</b> Last day for candidates for county office who were nominated in the primary election to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the auditor.	§43.77(5)(b), 43.78(1), 69.14A(1)(b)(2), 69.14A(2)(b)(2)  §43.76(2)
-73	Saturday, August 25, 2018	<b>Filing Deadline – State and Federal.</b> Last day to file nomination papers with the SOS. This includes NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition, and Democratic, Libertarian and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. Deadline is 5 p.m.	§43.78(2), 44.4(1), 44.17, 45.4

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-70	Tuesday, August 28, 2018	<b>Proxy Requests Begin</b> First day for family members of UOCAVA voters to submit proxy absentee ballot request forms.	§53.40(1)(b)
-69	Wednesday, August 29, 2018	<b>Filing Deadline - County</b> Last day to file nomination papers for county offices or vacant city offices (if applicable) with the auditor. This includes NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition, and Democratic, Libertarian and Republican parties' nominations to fill ballot vacancies. Deadline is 5 p.m.  <b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</b>	§43.78(3), 44.4(1), 45.4  §47.2(6)
-68	Thursday, August 30, 2018	<b>Withdrawal Deadline – State and Federal.</b> Last day for NPPO candidate or candidates nominated by petition who filed nomination papers with the Secretary of State to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the SOS.  <b>Substitution Deadline – State and Federal.</b> Last day for NPPOs to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for state and federal offices if the NPPO filed substitution procedures.  <b>Draw Names - Non-Partisan Office Ballot Order</b> Auditor draws the names of candidates for non-partisan offices (county hospital trustee, soil and water commissioner, agricultural extension council, and township offices) to determine the order in which the names of those candidates will appear on the ballot.  <b>Notify NPPO candidates if drawing must be held</b> If multiple nominations for a single office are received from candidates for the same NPPO, lots will be drawn to determine which candidate will have the NPPO's name appear with the candidate's name on the ballot. The other candidate(s) will appear as "Nominated by Petition." The auditor must notify candidates of the time and date of the drawing. Candidates have a right to be present or send a representative to the drawing.	§44.9(1), 45.4  §44.11, 44.17  §49.31(2)(c)  IAC 721—21.201(2), 21.201(3)
-64	Monday, September 03, 2018	<b>Labor Day - State Offices Closed</b>	§1C.1
-64	Monday, September 03, 2018	<b>Last day for the SOS to certify names for the general election ballot to the auditor.</b>	§43.73, 46.21

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-64 Moves to -63	Monday, September 03, 2018 Moves to Tuesday, September 04, 2018	<p><b>Withdrawal Deadline - County</b> Last day for NPPO candidates and candidates nominated by petition who filed nomination papers with the auditor to withdraw. Notice of withdrawal must be submitted in writing to the auditor.</p> <p><b>Objection Deadline - County</b> Last day to file a written objection to nomination papers filed with the auditor. Deadline is 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Substitution Deadline - County</b> Last day for NPPOs to replace candidates who withdrew, died or were found ineligible for county offices if the NPPO submitted substitution procedures.</p> <p><b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m. Deadlines move to Tuesday due to Labor Day Holiday</b></p>	<p>§44.9(2), 45.4</p> <p>§44.4(2)(a)(2)</p> <p>§44.11, 44.17</p> <p>§4.1(34), 47.4</p>
-60	Friday, September 07, 2018	<p><b>Proclamation by Governor.</b> Governor to issue a proclamation for any proposed amendments to the constitution to be included on general election ballot.</p>	§49A.7
-47	Thursday, September 20, 2018	<p><b>Satellite Voting Petition Deadline</b> A petition requesting a satellite absentee voting station must be filed no later than 5 p.m. on the 47th day before the election.</p> <p>At least seven days before the first day of a satellite, the auditor must notify the political parties' chairpersons of the date, time, and location of a satellite so the parties may appoint observers.</p> <p><b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</b></p>	<p>§53.11(2)(a) §53.11(5)</p>
-45	Saturday, September 22, 2018	<b>UOCAVA absentee ballots must be ready</b> to mail 45 days before the election. Regular absentee ballots must be mailed as soon as they are ready, but not before 29 days before the election.	§53.8(1), 53.39(2), 53.40(2)
-30	Sunday, October 07, 2018	<b>Last day to publish</b> the third in a series of notices of changes in <u>precinct boundaries</u> made since the previous General Election. Publication is not required if no changes were made.	§49.11(2)
-29	Monday, October 08, 2018	<p><b>Absentee ballots ready</b> First day absentee ballots may be mailed or voted in the auditor's office for domestic voters. Auditors must review all affidavits upon receipt.</p> <p><b>Health Care Facility Delivery</b> Within 10 days after ballots are printed, the auditor may send teams to deliver ballots to residents and patients of health care facilities. After this 10 day window, ballots cannot be delivered to health care facilities again until the 14th day before the election.</p>	<p>§53.8(1), 53.10, 53.18(2)</p> <p>§53.8(3), 53.22(1)(a)</p>
-28	Tuesday, October 09, 2018	<p><b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.</p>	§39.2(1)(a)

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-21	Tuesday, October 16, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
-20	Wednesday, October 17, 2018	<b>Publications Begin</b> First day to publish notice of changes in <u>polling places</u> (this includes temporary changes and any polling places that have been changed since the last general election).  <b>First day the auditor may publish notice</b> of the general election and sample ballot. The notice of election must include an accessibility notice.	§49.23  §49.53, IAC 721—21.50(10)
-15	Monday, October 22, 2018	<b>Worry-Free Postmark Date.</b> Mailed voter registration forms which are postmarked on or before today are considered on time to be pre-registered for the primary election even if they are received after pre-registration deadline.  <b>Last Day to Appoint Precinct Election Officials.</b> Appointed by the auditor.	§48A.9(3)  §49.13(1)
-14	Tuesday, October 23, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.  <b>Health Care Facility Delivery.</b> Teams may resume delivery of absentee ballots to residents and patients of health care facilities.	§39.2(1)(a)  §53.22(1)(a)
-10	Saturday, October 27, 2018	<b>Voter Pre-Registration Deadline.</b> The deadline to pre-register to vote for the this election is 5 p.m. This applies to registration in person (including registration at driver's license stations or agencies) or by mail.  <b>Exceptions:</b> Mailed registration forms postmarked on or before the worry-free postmark date, are considered on time even if they are received after 5 p.m. today.  After today, a person may register to vote at the auditor's office or at a satellite absentee voting station and vote an absentee ballot. The process is the same as for registering to vote on election day.  <b>Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m.</b>  <b>Auditor's office must be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.</b>	§48A.9(1), 48A.9(3), 48A.7A(3)      §53.2(1)(b)  §48A.9(2)
-7	Tuesday, October 30, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)

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-4	Friday, November 02, 2018	<p><b>Publication Deadline</b> Last day to publish notice of election, sample ballot, and polling place changes. The notice of election must include an accessibility notice.</p> <p><b>Last Day to Submit Written Challenges to Absentee Voters.</b> A person qualified to vote in the election may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of an absentee voter until 5 p.m. in the auditor's office (observers witnessing the processing of absentee ballots may submit challenges on the day before the election, and until the polls close on Election Day.)</p> <p><b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</b></p>	<p>§49.23, 49.53, IAC 721—21.50(10)</p> <p>§53.31(1)</p>
-3	Saturday, November 03, 2018	<p><b>Auditor's Offices Open</b> The auditor's office must be open for at least eight hours for absentee voting and other election business.</p> <p><b>Absentee Affidavits</b> Last day for auditor to review absentee affidavits received by 5 p.m.</p> <p><b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</b></p>	<p>§47.2(5)</p> <p>§53.18(2)</p>
-3 thorough Election Day	Saturday, November 03, 2018 through Election Day at 5 p.m.	<p><b>Voters admitted to hospitals or nursing homes</b> after 12 a.m. three days before the election may call to request delivery of an absentee ballot. Deadline for a telephone request is 5 p.m. on election day.</p>	§53.22(2)
-1	Monday, November 05, 2018	<p><b>Equipment Testing Deadline</b> Last day to test voting equipment. Keep testing results in election files. Testing must be completed by 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>PEO Training Deadline</b> Last day for training precinct election officials.</p> <p><b>Last Day for Voters to Fix Imcomplete Affidavits</b> Voters have until 5 p.m. to fix incomplete affidavit envelopes.</p> <p><b>Auditor May Convene ASVP Board</b> The board may review affidavits and decide which ballots to accept for counting. If secrecy envelopes were enclosed with all absentee ballots, the auditor may direct the board to open the affidavit envelopes and remove the secrecy envelopes.</p> <p>Notify the county political party chairpersons of the time the ASVP board will be convened.</p> <p><b>Counting Ballots Before Election Day</b> The ASVP board may begin counting absentee ballots the day before election day.</p> <p><b>Absentee Ballot In-Person Deadline</b> Last day to request and vote an absentee ballot in person at the auditor's office.</p> <p><b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</b> if there are incomplete absentee ballots in need of correction.</p>	<p>§52.35</p> <p>§49.124(1)</p> <p>§53.18(2)</p> <p>§53.23(3)(b)(1)</p> <p>§53.23(3)(c), IAC 721—22.343</p> <p>§53.2(1)(a)</p>

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0	Tuesday, November 06, 2018	<b>General Election Day</b> Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.  <b>Electronically Submitted Absentee Ballot Requests Must be Matched with Originals.</b> If an electronic or faxed request was submitted, original absentee ballot requests must be received by the time the polls close on Election Day. If the original does not arrive on time or was postmarked after the Deadline to Request Absentee Ballots, the ballot cannot be counted. Notify the voter that the ballot was rejected. This requirement does not apply to UOCAVA voters.	§39.1, 49.73  IAC 721—21.2(2)
2	Thursday, November 08, 2018	<b>Post the Number of Provisional Ballots</b> Number of provisional ballots cast in each precinct must be posted by 9 a.m. on the second day after the election.  <b>ASVP Board May Reconvene</b> ASVP board may reconvene no earlier than noon on Thursday to consider provisional ballots and absentee ballots that were postmarked on the day before the election or earlier.	§50.20  §50.21, 50.22
6	Monday, November 12, 2018	<b>Veteran's Day Observed - State Offices Closed</b>	§1C.1, 1C.2(3), 47.4
6 moves to 7 due to holiday	Tuesday, November 13, 2018	<b>Absentee Ballot Deadline - Noon</b> Absentee ballots that were postmarked the day before the election or earlier and received by noon today are considered to be on time to be counted.  <i><b>When the USPS is closed Monday, this deadline moves to noon on Tuesday</b></i>  <b>ASVP Board Reconvenes</b> ASVP board reconvenes if necessary to canvass absentee ballots postmarked on the day before the election or earlier, and received by noon on the Absentee Ballot Deadline and/or consider any evidence submitted for provisional ballots prior to canvass.  <i><b>When the USPS is closed Monday, ASVP Board reconvenes on Tuesday</b></i>	§53.17(2), IAC 721—21.12  §50.22, IAC 721—21.13
6 or 7 moves to 7 or 8 due to holiday	Tuesday, November 13, 2018 OR Wednesday, November 14, 2018	<b>County Canvass of Votes</b> May occur either on Monday or Tuesday.  <i><b>When the USPS is closed Monday, canvass moves to Tuesday or Wednesday</b></i>	§47.4, 50.24(1), IAC 721—21.13
7	Tuesday, November 13, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
9 or 10 moves to 10 or 13	Friday, November 16, 2018 or Monday, November 19, 2018	<b>Recount Request Deadline</b> Written requests for a recount must be filed with the auditor by 5 p.m. on the third day after the county canvass of votes.  <b>Auditor's office must be open until 5 p.m.</b>	§50.48(1)(a)
13	Monday, November 19, 2018	<b>County Abstracts of Votes and Canvass Summaries Due.</b> Deadline to forward original abstracts of votes and canvass summaries to the SOS. Must be signed by a majority of the board.	§50.30, 50.30A

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14	Tuesday, November 20, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
16/17	Thursday, November 22, 2018 / Friday, November 23, 2018	<b>Thanksgiving Holiday and Day After Thanksgiving - State Offices Closed</b>	§1C.1
20	Monday, November 26, 2018	<b>Certificate of Compliance</b> Last day to file certificate of compliance in auditor's office and file copy with Secretary of State's Office.  <b>Post-Election Audit Deadline (If required)</b> Deadline to complete a post-election audit (if required) and transmit audit results to the Secretary of State's Office.	§49.128
21	Tuesday, November 27, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.  <b>EDR Acknowledgment Deadline.</b> Last day to mail acknowledgements to voters who registered and voted after the general election pre-registration deadline.	§39.2(1)(a)  §48A.26A
27	Monday, December 03, 2018	<b>State Canvass of Votes Must be Complete</b>	§50.38
28	Tuesday, December 04, 2018	<b>No Special Elections Today</b> This includes special election to fill vacancies.	§39.2(1)(a)
60	Saturday, January 05, 2019	<b>Deadline to Update Voter History</b> Last day to add voter election participation information in I- VOTERS.	§48A.38(2)